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TAGS: PFOR, VE
SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER TO TRAVEL TO CARIBBEAN

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1. ACCORDING TO A PIECE IN THE AUG 3 ISSUE OF EL NACIONAL FOREIGN MINISTER ESCOVAR SALOM IS TO EMBARK ON A CARIBBEAN TOUR SHORTLY AFTER RETURNING FROM HIS CURRENT EXCURSION TO BOLIVIA. HIS ITINERARY REPORTEDLY WOULD INCLUDE CURACAO, ARUBA, BONAIRE, JAMAICA, BARBADOS, GRENADA AND SURINAM. THE REPORT ASSERTED THAT THE TOUR WOULD NOT BE DIRECTED AT ANY SPECIAL PURPOSE BUT WOULD BE PART OF A DESIGN FOR SYSTEMATIC CONTACT WITH NEIGHBORING STATES.

2. A FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE TELLS US THE EL NACIONAL STORY IS PREMATURE: THAT THE TOUR IS CURRENTLY NO MORE THAN AN IDEA" AND THAT ESCOVAR HAS NOT YET BEGUN TO CONSIDER WHAT SPECIFIC STOPS HE MIGHT MAKE.

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3. COMMENT: THE PERIPATETIC MINISTER MUST BE GIVING THOUGHT

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TO HOW HE CAN MANAGE THIS TRIP WITHOUT FURTHER EXACERBATING THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GOTT. HE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY LIKE TO INCLUDE PORT-OF-SPAIN ON THE ITINERARY BUT WOULD SEEM TO HAVE LITTLE CHANCE FOR AN INVITATION.

4. ESCOVAR HAS EXPRESSED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS TO THE AMBASSADOR HIS KEEN INTEREST IN PROMOTING STRONGER VENEZUELAN TIES IN THE CARIBBEAN. HE HAS A HIGHLY FAVORABLE IMPRESSION OF COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN LEADERS IN PARTICULAR (MINUS WILLIAMS, OF COURSE) AND NO DOUBT FINDS THEIR THIRD-WORLD SENTIMENTS REASSURING. THE MINISTER DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE ANY GRAND DESIGN OR HEGEMONIC AMBITIONS, BUT DOES PURPORT TO BELIEVE THAT VENEZUELA HAS A STAKE IN THE "STABILITY" OF THE AREA. IT IS NOT OUR IMPRESSION THAT THIS GOV AT LEAST HAS GIVEN MUCH SYSTEMATIC THOUGHT TO ITS ROLE IN THE CARIBBEAN, BUT WE EXPECT CONTINUED EFFORTS TO SPREAD VENEZUELAN INFLUENCE THERE.
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